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SUBJECT SOVIET DEMARCHE TO YARG RE EGYPTIAN /LIBYAN RELATIONS

1. ON APRIL 26 MINISTER OF STATE AHMAD ABDU SAID TOLD ME THAT EARLIER SAME DAY SOVIET AMBASSADOR VASIL I. KORNEV CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER AL-ASNAJ TO PRESENT FORMAL DEMARCHE EXPRESSING SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT CURRENT DETERIORATION IN EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN REALTIONS. SAID SAID THAT KORNEV STATED THAT TE SOVIET UNION WOULD "VIEW DIMLY" ANY EGYPTIAN ACTION ACTION LIBYA AND REQUESTED YARG TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.SAID CONCLUDED THAT YEMENIS HAVE INTERPRETED THIS DEMARCHE AS A VEILED THREAT AGAINST EGYPT SHOULD EGYPT DECIDE TO TAKE ANY OVERT ACTION AGAINST LIBYAN REGIME, WHICH SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHARACTERIZED IN HIS DEMARCHE AS "PROGRESSIVE."

2. THE APRIL 27 EDITION OF "AL-THAWRAH" (OFFICIAL YEMEN ORGAN) CARRIED STORY THAT "THE YAR GOVERNMENT IS MUCH CONCERNED BY THE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN  
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EGYPT AND LIBYA ON THE ONE HAND AND SUDAN AND THE LATTER ON THE OTHER." THE STORY WENT ON TO SAY THAT "ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER QUATERS, THE PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS INVITED AMBASSADORS OF EGYPT AND SUDAN AND THE IBYAN CHARGE, AND INFORMED THEM OF THE YAR'S RENEWED INTENTIONS IN ENDEAVORUING TO

RECONCILIATE RELATIONS BETWEEN BROTHERS AND BRING TO  
AN END DISPUTES AMONG THEM." THE STORY CONCLUDED BY  
STATING "THE YAR WILL ALSO SUPPORT ANY OTHER ARAB  
ENDEAVORS IN THIS REGARD."  
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